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Vice presidential candidates hash it out in one of the most publicized debates.
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Apache football upsets Kilgore in Homecoming victory.
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Belle Babes

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Sacramento Bee/MCT

COLLEGE REWARDS RELIGION

Sacramento City College offers a program sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church in Sacramento, Calif. that gives college students free housing in one of the apartment buildings owned by the congregation in exchange for students meeting the church's spiritual requirements. The entire story can be found at tjcnewspaper.com



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Akron Beacon Journal/MCT

OPINION: MCCAIN CAMPAIGN

Given America's two wars and the continued economic meltdown - as evidenced by another stock-market nosedive Monday — you would think John McCain and Sarah Palin have enough serious topics to discuss with voters. Instead, they're offering "Lipstick On a Pig: The Sequel." And it's as bad as the original. McCain is slumping in polls, largely because of his response to the financial crisis. Read the full story online.

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GRAND THEFT ART WORK



Photo by Kamren Thompson

ART HEIST Above, artwork by Joseph French, the artist whose paintings were stolen, is currently being displayed in the art department in Jenkins Hall. Below, a Post-It rendition of legendary modeling icon Twiggy was created by Virginia Nix, Erin Ethridge, Kathryn Foster and Shayla Hobbs and is displayed behind glass in Jenkins Hall despite recent thefts.

Student art stolen on campus yet to be found

By Sarah Goulden
Advertising Editor

Canvas: Around \$10.
Art Supplies: Around \$30.
The value of your painting that was stolen: Priceless.

Four student paintings were stolen off the wall in Jenkins Hall, according to a police report filed with TJC campus safety by art instructor Barbara Holland on Oct. 7.

Two of the stolen paintings were found on the lawn outside of Jenkins Hall on Oct. 7. The two paintings were recovered by Derrick White, art instructor at TJC. The



Photo by Kamren Thompson

paintings belonged to TJC student Melissa Swofford and were taken off the wall near the art department in Jenkins. In addition to the two paintings that were recovered, two more students' paintings were taken, but have

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Organization hopes to get special park

By Daisy Valle
Staff Writer

A long drive to Dallas seems almost endless to a young child with disabilities whose only aspiration is to play among his peers. Fantasy Landing in Dallas is the only park close to Tyler that is truly ADA approved.

The TJC project management class is interested in creating a playground for Tyler children who are living with disabilities. They will be

the first junior college class in the state to tackle a project of this size. The class consists of Megan Hollis, Teresa Goodwin, Jessica Johnson, and James Giles.

"I have volunteered with Shriner's Hospital when I worked in Galveston. I have done muscular dystrophy telethons. I have done all the walks, relays. I used to do all that so, to me, when you say a community park, Tyler does have a great park system of course, and we researched it first before we had decided," said Teresa Goodwin, member of the project management class. "Since it is 2008, yeah, everything is ADA approved but in actuality a child still in a wheelchair could not get up and go play."

Built in 1989, Fantasy Landing features customized ramps, tennis courts and pull tunnels with bars for children in wheelchairs. Brightly colored brick paths help visually impaired children find their way through the play area. The Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. originally provided the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department with a \$70,200 grant to underwrite equipment costs and materials for the playground and donated another \$50,000 in 1990 to expand it.

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Foundation loses funding, operates on tight budget

By Cody Lillich
Editor in chief

A local student ministry is now operating on a shoestring budget after their funding was completely cut over the summer.

At a June meeting of the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church the board voted to cut funding completely to all two-year college Wesley Foundations, including the one that has called Tyler

"When they cut funding, a lot of people thought it would be the end of this ministry. As of now, we're sort of pushing the expectations."

— Will Edmonson
TJC Wesley Foundation Director

Junior College home for over 60 years. The Wesley Foundation at TJC hosts weekly events at its building on Baxter Street including free lunch at Noon on Tuesdays. On Thursdays, the foundation offers worship time at 8 p.m.

New TJC Wesley Foundation Director Will Edmonson said the conference did an assessment in December 2007 and brought in consultants to look all aspects of the church.

"They found that campus ministry was one of the lowest-rated ones. It was getting the most funding so they cut funding to all Wesley foundations," Edmonson said. "All two-year schools with the Wesley Foundation had funding cut because they saw it as not

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Photo by Maggie Sanders

MASKED MAN This elaborate costume is worn by an actor at Tyler Jaycees Haunted House. He is supposed to resemble the villain from the 2006 movie "Hostel." Jaycee's is open on until Nov. 1. A calendar with times and dates can be found at tylerjaycees.org.

Haunted house offers chills to Tyler residents

By Matt Loving
News Editor

An old metal building that looks like it came straight out of Freddy Krueger's back yard is the sight for Tyler's number one haunted house.

For 36 years now, the Tyler Jaycees haunted house has thrilled Halloween enthusiast for a good cause. The near month-long event raises money for programs such as the Easter egg hunt for the blind and various Christmas programs.

But don't let the good cause fool you, because it's here for one reason — to scare everyone.

The house itself has a number of rooms, each dedicated to a specific horror theme and are stocked with actors

to bring the scene to life. Ranging from the movie Hostel to even touching on religious taboos, each is designed to bring back levels of childhood fear.

"I like helping my community, but I love (scaring people)," haunted house volunteer Johnathan Flores, a TJC sophomore graphic design major, said.

The actors that roam these rooms spend up to three months developing a character and planning just how to scare patrons. Sometimes it's a throttling chainsaw in the face and other times it's the old, unexpected scream directly in the ear. The fact is, these are veteran shockers using tested techniques.

One such actress is TJC sophomore

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editorial

Special Treatment on Campus?

By Natalie Kushner

Arts and Entertainment Editor

For at least two days every semester members from Gideons International, an evangelical Christian group that distributes Bibles in over 180 countries, continues its mission at Tyler Junior College, distributing green-backed versions of the New Testament to passers-by. Although these actions tend to spark debates about the existence of a higher deity, this is hardly the question at hand. Believers and non-believers alike argue whether or not evangelical groups from any religion should be allowed near or on public institutions.

Gideons International employs local Protestant men to deliver versions of the New Testament to prisoners, emergency personnel, students in the fifth grade and above, and any individuals Gideons come in contact with personally, using money from private donations to purchase Bibles. Not only do Gideons personally pass out the text, but Gideon Bibles are also placed in hotels, hospitals, medical offices, prisons, domestic violence shelters and convalescent homes worldwide.

Earlier this month, men from East Texas took shifts passing out Bibles around the Pirtle Technology building near the intersection of South Mahon Avenue and East Lake Street. The local Gideon camp in Tyler was given permission by TJC to proceed with their work, whereas previous attempts to do the same at The University of Texas at Tyler had failed.

"UT-Tyler won't allow us on campus," James Norrell, a Gideons member from Canton said. "We don't go anywhere we're not allowed. If we're not welcome, we're not welcome."

Bibles are also made available to school districts, including Tyler Independent School District, as Gideons deliver special red-backed versions to fifth graders. According to Norrell, some schools request that Bibles be delivered at the beginning of the year so that they can be used as reading material. Norrell also noted that these schools, which include a campus in Edgewood, "are not held accountable," but choose to use the Bibles on their own accord.

"All we do is hand them out and let the Lord do the work," Norrell said. "[Gideons International is] just a ministry that wants to make sure that everybody has the opportunity to read the little book. It's not a forceful thing; if you want one, you can have one."

Many agree that the Gideons on campus appear to be as unobtrusive as possible.

"I don't think it's a problem because [their message] is not being taught, it's just being given out," said Jessica Thrash, a TJC sophomore who is not offended by their presence. "Religious lobbyists are in Washington all the time."

Thrash also agrees that the Gideons' messages are not threatening.

"These men, unless they begin beating kids with Bibles, are doing nothing wrong. It's public property,"

Thrash said.

One of the biggest parts of the debate lies in where Gideons are allowed to stand. Members of the group are allowed to stand in certain areas, such as the street or sidewalk, which do not constitute school property. However, this is nearly an impossible task when handing-out items and meeting pedestrians – the majority of which are students.

The boundaries between city and school are clearly defined for Jesse Morrell, founder of Open Air Outreach, another evangelical Christian group made up of members who "utterly refuse to merely go to church rather than actually be the church."

Open Air Outreach tours campuses and public places nationwide and visited TJC most recently last September. Members utilized methods of open-air preaching and Bible distribution, carrying bold signs and images with phrases like "Jesus saves us from Hell" overlaid on a fiery background.

Morrell ran into significant problems, not only with the campus itself but with protesting pedestrians. Morrell's group positioned themselves on the street in the same intersection that Gideons use and caused uproar among students and officials until campus security intervened.

Morrell claims that he has had a long, turbulent history with TJC. In 2004, he was escorted off campus by of-

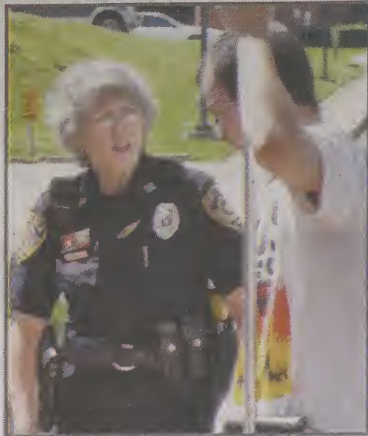


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MET WITH PROTEST Campus Safety Officer Peggy Scott talks to Jesse Morrell in front of Pirtle Technology Building on Sept. 11. According to judicial records, Morrell was arrested in 2005 by campus police for trespassing.

ficials for his unique, forceful approach to preaching the Gospel, and later he was charged with trespassing when he was spotted on campus property. Morrell claims that when he asked officials if any application to demonstrate existed, or what the surrounding areas that were city property were, he was given no answer. Since then, Open Air Outreach has stayed away from school boundaries and remained within city property on

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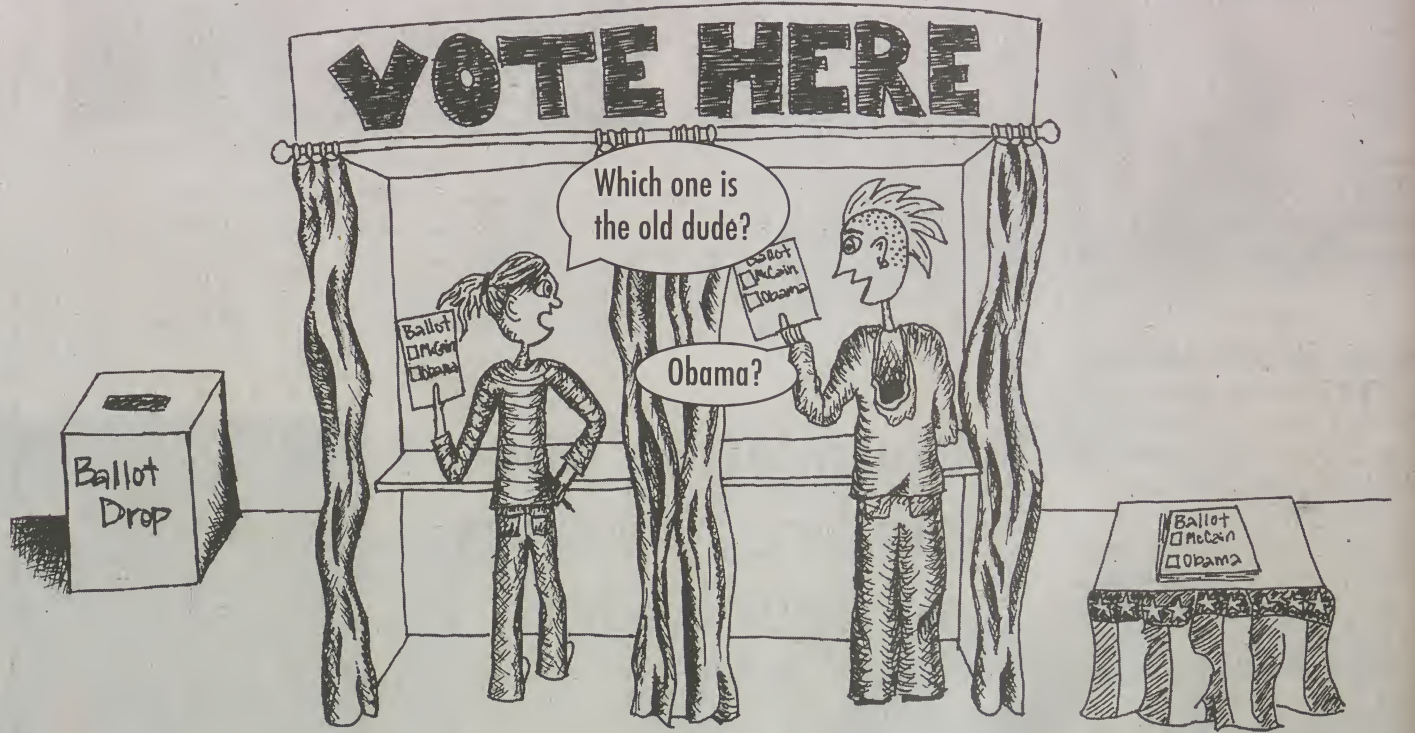
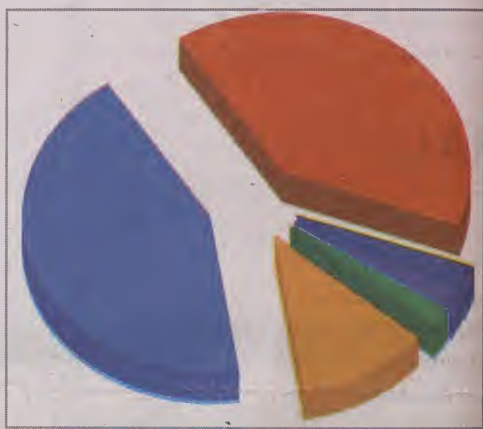
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VOLLEYBALL at Redlands College.

VISITING VOCAL ARTIST masterclass and recital, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER at Bossier Parish, 7 p.m.

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FOOTBALL at Arkansas Baptist, 3 p.m.

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FALL MINI-TERM II BEGINS

FINANCIAL AID CHECK RELEASE

GRADES DUE for Fall Mini-Term I

VOLLEYBALL at Navarro, 6 p.m.

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MEN'S SOCCER vs. Lon Morris, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. Lon Morris, 4:30 p.m.

23

VOLLEYBALL vs Panola, 6 p.m.

WIND ENSEMBLE Concert, 7:30 p.m.

24

STUDENT RECITAL 1 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER vs. Coastal Bend

25

FOOTBALL at TVCC, 3 p.m.

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FREE CONCERT Tyler Youth Orchestra inside Wise Auditorium, 4 - 6 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL at Blinn, 6 p.m.

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College prep classes bring in profit from prior failure

By Madison Payne
Staff Writer

A student that is taking college preparatory courses has a larger bill per semester compared to a student who is taking all college-level courses, with much less to show for it.

To be considered a full-time student at Tyler Junior College, a student must take at least 12 hours per semester.

An in-district student taking Math 0301, English 0301, the student success course (the course required if taking two or more college prep courses), and History

1301, their bill for the courses will be \$778 (due to the \$25 fee for each prep course), and they will walk away with only a 3 hours of transferable credit.

There is an estimated 9% cost difference between college preparatory courses and college-level courses.

An in-district student taking Math 1314, English 1301, History 1301 and Government 1301, will be paying \$728, and will have 12 hours of transferable credit.

College preparatory courses are courses that students are required to take based on the standardized testing scores.

Numerous universities and colleges offer college preparatory courses, even Harvard. Some universities are trying to remove college preparatory courses from their schools all together. In Arkansas, State Representative Donna Hutchinson is trying to do just that.

"We are making students go into debt by paying for something that they should already know," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson does not agree with the fact that college preparatory courses cost the same as college level courses when students are not receiving transferable credit

for the courses.

"It is not fair to charge the college preparatory students the same as a credit course when they are not getting the same education," Hutchinson said.

When it comes to the rapid increase of students needing college preparatory courses, universities and community colleges are making a significant profit.

"We are basically making a profit on failure," Hutchinson said.

Students feel that they should not have to pay as much as they do for these preparatory courses, especially when they are not receiving

transferable credit for them.

"It is ridiculous that we have to pay the same for our college prep courses as the college level courses, plus the additional \$25 remedial fee. And if you fail the final exam in 0301, you will fail the course, no matter how well you did in the class throughout the semester," Lance Trammell, a Tyler Junior College sophomore said.

Lisa Harper, Dean of College Preparatory Studies, believes that a community college is the right setting when it comes to offering college preparatory courses due to the classes being smaller in size and more chance of one-

on-one help from instructors.

"Developmental courses are more responsive to students' needs in a community college," Harper said.

Community colleges are also significantly cheaper than universities.

For an in-district student taking 12 hours at TJC, the cost is \$728, opposed to \$2,382 to take 12 hours at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Harper asserts that she would like for there to still be government funding for college preparatory courses, but also would like to see a decrease in cost for those courses.

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not been recovered. The missing artwork belongs to art students Angelica Sells and Joseph French.

The opportunity for the artists to display their work outside in the hallway is something the artists eagerly anticipated. However, after the paintings were discovered missing, the art students were advised to remove their paintings from the walls, which art professors and students say is one of the worst parts about the theft.

"It's not really art unless there's somebody to look at it," said Chris Stewart, art department chair.

Although displaying their artwork is not a requirement, the students look forward to receiving feedback from fellow TJC students. Next to each

piece of art is a comment sheet that encourages students to write "constructive" criticism and/or compliments.

Recently, the students and teachers noticed that the comment sheets were not being used in the way they were intended. The sheets were intended to be an "outlet for students." However, the comment sheets were not being used to write constructive criticism, and some of the comments had nothing to do with the paintings at all.

"You can't force people to be constructive," Holland said.

Holland made the decision to take the comment sheets down. Shortly afterward the four paintings were taken from the wall.

According to the students and art professors, the

paintings in the hallway were enjoyed by the teachers and students who frequent that hallway for classes that are not art related. When the artists were advised to take their paintings down, a number of people besides the artists wondered when they would ever see the student artwork again.

On Thursday, Oct. 9, the students were given permission to display their artwork again - but at their own risk. Holland also put the comment sheets back up in the hallway. The art students wrote "constructive" comments on each other's sheets in hopes of encouraging other onlookers to do the same.

The students who were the victims find the theft pointless.

Sells said her painting was going to be a gift for her

mother, but if someone had liked it she would have given it to them. She wouldn't have taken money for it either.

"I'm glad that they liked my painting, but the fact of the matter is it's not yours to take," said Sells.

French said that the theft was just an "immature move" and probably just some students trying to be mean or rude.

Director of campus safety Chief Randy Melton said that criminal punishment for theft is determined by the value of the paintings.

The report states that the cost value for the stolen paintings is "priceless." Although the pieces of art were small in size, small enough to be slipped into a book bag, they still meant a great deal to the artists.

"It was valued to me, even if it wasn't to somebody else," Sells said.

School discipline is determined by the "Code of Student Conduct" found in the student handbook. The document contains all students' rights and responsibilities, as well as the expected behavior of students on and off campus. If a student is suspected of theft, they will be summoned to a disciplinary meeting with Dr. Austin Lane, vice president of Student Affairs. The allegations will be discussed, and a proper punishment given, ranging from disciplinary probation, to suspension, or expulsion depending on the se-

verity of the crime. Lane said he wants the "due process" to be developmental - he said his ultimate goal is for students to learn from their mistakes.

"The punishment has to fit the crime," Lane said. "We want to be sure we don't arbitrarily or capriciously hand out anything without taking the student through due process."

Stewart said he didn't think that the theft was premeditated, but that it was petty, and "99 percent of the time, people do the right thing."

Whatever the motive, the students involved in the theft, or anyone who may know anything, are encouraged to come forward.

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and education major Ryann LeVrier. To add realism to her performance, LeVrier says she thinks of tragedies in her family to provoke tears and gets extremely close to the patrons so they can see them.

For a few thrill seekers, the experience gets a little too real. It's not uncommon to see someone running out of an exit on the side of the building every now and then while waiting in line.

Not everyone that visits the haunted house is the typical teenager looking to get scared. Newlywed Reason Dotson, who was still in her wedding dress, went through the maze.

"We were at the reception and I saw the Haunted House sign and I thought it would be fun," Dotson said.

These actors and actresses have more responsibilities than just putting on a costume and scaring people. They also develop the theme of all the rooms and help design them.

"We put our heart and soul into this," Tony Wright, Jaycees

chair person said.

All of the workers are volunteers and most are high school students from various Tyler schools. Just to run the House for one night takes about 35 volunteers at one time.

Jaycees has been all alone in the business of haunting until recently. Terror Nights has come to Tyler and proclaimed itself the most terror filled haunt in the area. But many Jaycees customers would disagree. The numbers are the same as previous years so if two haunted houses is what it takes to make Tyler happy, then maybe the turnout has shown there is room for plenty of scary fun.

Terror Nights is located at 816 E Oakwood St. and Jaycees is at 200 N Hill Ave. Both are in Tyler and end operation on Nov 1. Jaycees is open on Friday and Saturday and begin at 7 p.m. until everybody is gone. Terror Nights however is open at each weekend but occasionally during the week.

Campus attempts to help environment

Art department tries to get Tyler up to speed on recycling

By Shela Burgess
Staff Writer

Trash is a growing problem around the world. Recently, due to the state of the environment, people in America have started to take steps to counteract the effects of our waste production.

"Going green" has almost become a pop culture cliché. However, Tyler still has not quite taken steps like other cities to make recycling readily available.

Earlier in the year a few students were talking about Tyler Junior College's desperate need to put recycling bins around campus.

Jessica Hall, Art Club president, and Sallie Byrd, Art Club member, brought this idea to art instructor Derrick White, and a plan of action was put into place.

What started out as a few concerned students has become a campus wide crusade.

Hall took her proposal to the first student Student Senate meeting and joined that day as the new head of policy and procedures.

Hall said she did this because she wanted the people who might not be as apt to get involved to still have a voice in the Student Senate.

Hall and Byrd worked

with White and Art Department Chair Chris Stewart, to implement recycling in the Art Department.

"They hosted our events and gave us a place to recycle," Hall said.

However, Hall, working with the Student Senate was able to make her requests known for the desire of campus-wide recycling.

Brent Krivokapith, Club Tennis Vice President and member of the Student Affairs Committee, found a recycling company out of Fort Worth willing to take on the task and

make it profitable for TJC.

"Basically it worked out to be the perfect scenario," Krivokapith said.

Jackie Ellis from Bears Recycling coincidentally was moving to Tyler to take better care of her and her husband's business.

Ellis said she implemented a system like this for another school in Tarrant County dumpsters emptied a few times a week, and they actually profited from their efforts.

"If we pay people to recycle, it motivates them to," Ellis said.

Ellis said she wanted to do something good after being brunt out in the automobile industry. She talked to her daughter who suggested she recycle. Ellis started saving newspapers and eventually earned \$1,900 off recycling just old papers she collected.

The Student Senate is working on a resolution to be proposed in an upcoming student senate meeting.

"This is something that people have been wanting for a long time and I don't understand why it's just now happening," Hall said.

News in Brief

RETURNING ADULT WORKSHOPS SET

Starting college for the first time - or returning after a long absences - will be provided by Tyler Junior College Support Services during two free returning adult workshops. The workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. to Noon Wednesday, Oct. 22 and Thursday, Oct. 20 in Apache Rooms 1 and 2 of Rogers Student Center, located at the corner of Baxter Ave. and Lake St.

"GIVE ONE FOR THE TEAM" BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Apache Rooms, Carter Blood Care will be on campus to accept life saving donations of blood.

Everyone who gives will enter the "Give One for the Team" drawings for weekly chances to win a pair of tickets to a Dallas Mavericks or Dallas Stars game.

One grand prize winner will win a three game ticket pack to either Stars or Mavericks games. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

NEW HOME FOR A NEW 'SCHOOL'

A newly-formed school is moving in to its new offices. The School for College Preparatory Studies has recently moved its offices from Support Services inside the Rogers Student Center to P-105 inside Potter Hall.

The one-time classroom has been going under an extreme makeover during the summer to transform it into functional offices.

Staff Technician Dana Vega said the move has been beneficial to the department.

"The majority of our faculty is housed in Potter," said Vega. "It was [Dean Lisa Harper's] decision to house us in a centralized location so that we are easily accessible to our faculty."

So far, Vega said the relocation has been nothing but success for the new school of college preparatory studies.

"It has been great, [we've heard] nothing but good things [about the move]. It's all been positive," said Vega. "We are here to stay."

FLU VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Northeast Texas Public Health District will offer flu vaccinations.

The vaccination clinics will operate Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at 815 N. Broadway Ave.

The cost for the vaccination is \$20 and \$25 for the flu mist. Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted.

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 Higher Education	Simplify the application and financial aid process; create an American Opportunity Tax credit paying the first \$4,000 of college, two-thirds of tuition at the average public college or university and making community college tuition completely free.	Improve information for parents; simplify higher education tax benefits; simplify federal financial aid; improve research by eliminating earmarks; fix the student lending programs; keep the credit crunch from hurting college students.	Shift control over education from government to parents; abolish the Department of Education; eliminate federal grants and regulations; begin moving power back to the states and local communities.	"I think it's good that Barack Obama wants to help with the education issue, and, yes, I do think college is getting a bit expensive. I think John McCain's plan is more for the upper class." Jercoda White, sophomore
The Iraq WAR 	Phased withdrawal; one to two brigades a month, which would remove them in 16 months; a residual force will remain in region, they will not build permanent bases in Iraq, but will continue to train and support the Iraqi security forces as long as Iraqi leaders move toward political reconciliation and away from sectarianism; launch a diplomatic effort to reach a compact on the stability of Iraq.	Advocates the "surge" and the counterinsurgency strategy; push for political reconciliation and good government; get Iraq's economy back on its feet; call for international pressure on Syria and Iran; level with the American people.	Supports withdrawal without undue delay; begin to immediately and significantly reduce both the military and the economic security blanket provided to the government.	"I know a lot of people that don't agree with [the war]... but the reason we went over there was September 11... People think we aren't doing much [in Iraq,] but I've talked to people who have been over there. And in the news and media we don't see everything. We see the negative, and I think there is a veil over what is really happening. I think we've done a lot of good over there. It's a war so it's bad that people are dying, but that's what happens in a war." Whitney Ward, freshman
 Gay Rights	Opposes gay marriage; supports civil union and gay equality; being gay or lesbian is not a choice; decisions about marriage should be left to the states; homosexuality no more immoral than heterosexuality; supports health benefits for gay civil partners.	The institution of marriage is a union between one man and one woman; best left up to the states; voted no on extending the definition of hate crimes to include sexual orientation; voted no on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage.	Voted yes on banning gay adoption; authored Defense of Marriage Act; criticizes efforts to restrict rights of homosexuals; federal government should neither regulate personal relationships nor discriminate against individuals for their personal preferences.	"I think it should be up to the states, but I think it's morally wrong. I don't think [the candidates] should recognize it. Marriage is defined as male and female. It would be something that would change everything. The candidates should take a stance that it is morally wrong." Howard Johnson, sophomore
 Environment & Energy	Reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050; eliminate our current imports from the Middle East and Venezuela within 10 years.	Expand domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production; invest in clean, alternative sources of energy; set limits on greenhouse gas emissions; move toward an electricity grid.	The federal government should eliminate restrictions that inhibit energy production; congress should allow the exploration and production of America's abundant domestic resources.	"I think the environment is pretty bad right now because of the war and gas prices. Right now stuff is being done for it, but it's not enough." Dwight Kendrick, sophomore

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
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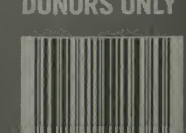
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Parents get insight into student life for two days

By Jasmine Smith
Student Life Editor

In 2006 Parents Weekend was created for TJC students and parents to come together and play games, enjoy extra curricular activities, and create a fellowship with one another. "We planned the [Parents] Weekend to show parents the vibrant student life, history and traditions of TJC," Jonathan Pollard, assistant director of the Center for Student Life Involvement, said.

To participate in activities, students will need to register and pay a \$35 registration fee. The fee pays for the student's and guest's meal for both days, and all the activities they choose to participate in for the weekend. If students want to bring more than two guests, each additional person will cost \$10.

"Blake Shelton will be a concert to remember by not only the parents themselves, but by our own students," Vincent Nguyen, interim director of Center for Student Life Involvement said.

The weekend continues to evolve every year. The first year there was no live entertainment. Last year featured artist Pat Green per-

formed. This year, country artist Blake Shelton is the headliner.

"I urge all students that are interested to pick up their tickets as soon as the box office is open for distribution because we only have 750 tickets to give and they will without a doubt go fast," Nguyen said.

If students and parents decide they don't want to attend the concert, there is a movie night alternative.

Students and parents can go to Times Square Cinema and view any movie of their choice.

"Each year we've tried to make the weekend bigger and better by offering more to parents and students," said Pollard.

Sophomore Josh Bell whose parents are from the Dallas area said, "I'm looking forward to watching a movie with my parents and hanging out with them at the hotel."

Parents Weekend for Bell is a time to hangout with his family while he's at school.

Guests that travel from out of town are offered a TJC rate at select hotels. After Oct. 10 T-shirts are not guaranteed. Registration forms can still be submitted up to Oct. 31. Forms can be found at www.tjc.edu

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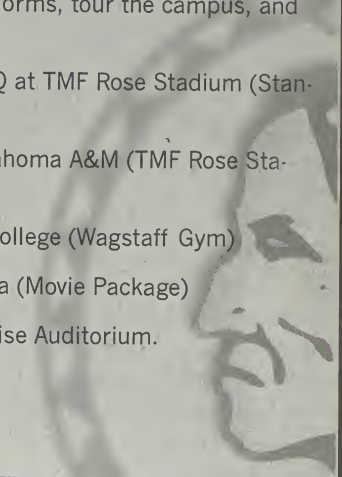
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- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fall Festival in the Apache Rooms
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (Located in the Cafeteria)
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. North Lake College (Wagstaff Gym)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presidents Come & Go Breakfast in RSC Apache Rooms
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- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Parents Weekend Tailgate BBQ at TMF Rose Stadium (Stanley's Famous Pit BBQ)
- 2:00 p.m. Football vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (TMF Rose Stadium)
- 4:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Ranger College (Wagstaff Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. - ??? Movie at Times Square Cinema (Movie Package)

Doors open @ 8:00 p.m. Blake Shelton in Concert at Wise Auditorium.



Freshman weight gain isn't par for course

By Ashley Kindergan
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — It's difficult to think of a way to add pounds faster than living the stereotypical college lifestyle.

Juggling coursework, jobs and a social life leaves little time for exercising or even regular meals. Late-night study sessions are often fueled by the nearest 24-hour greasy spoon. Getting too little sleep can also trick the body into craving more food.

On top of all that, many freshmen are taking in many more calories from alcohol than they have in the past.

That's the bad news. The good news is that not every entering freshman puts on weight, and there are some easy things students can do to avoid packing on pounds.

The first thing to do is to forget the phrase "Freshman 15." A 2006 study by Rutgers University nutritionists tracked the weight of 67 students in their first year. Most students did gain weight, but more than one-fourth of students actually lost weight. Those who did gain weight put on an average of seven pounds, not 15.

But gaining seven pounds doesn't require all that much extra food. The Rutgers study said that taking in just 112 extra calories each day roughly equivalent to a cup of Cheerios would do it.

Jackie Ehlert-Mercer, a registered dietitian who runs nutrition programs for students at the University of British Columbia and teaches a course in nutrition at Ramapo College, said that freshmen who gain weight their first semester and don't lose it in the second semester are more likely to keep gaining weight throughout college.

If the pattern continues, adulthood obesity and related health problems such as heart disease and diabetes may follow.

"An overweight adolescent ... is probably going to become an obese adult if they don't mediate their weight during college," Ehlert-Mercer said. "The stresses they face such as getting married or getting a full-time job tend to increase. They don't tend to diminish."

Scott Fisher, director of the Fairleigh Dickinson University Health and Fitness Center, recommends that students plan their days to ensure that they eat regularly and healthfully. Skipping meals to lose weight usually backfires, he said.

"You should really go no longer than four



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or five hours without eating something," Fisher said. "If you go for too long a period of time without eating, your blood sugar level drops. When your blood sugar level drops, your body essentially sends you signals that it wants a very quick source of energy, which are the typical sugary foods, and some concentrated calories, which are fatty foods."

Eating frequently has worked for Mike Sciscione, 22, a senior at William Paterson University. The Rockaway native eats six small meals a day. Something as simple as a fruit smoothie counts, he said. Sciscione buys bulk packages of 100-calorie snack packs and keeps a bottle of water with him to stave off hunger

pangs. "It keeps your metabolism going and keeps you from gaining weight," he said.

Some students who gained weight said they were able to lose it again by reassessing their food and exercise choices.

Ramya Pallavajhala, 22, a senior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, lost most of the weight she gained the first semester of freshman year by cutting out cheese and cooking healthy, vegetable-rich Indian dishes. She also walks between her Hackensack home and the Teaneck campus and squeezes in the occasional gym workout when her schedule permits.

"Once you gain the weight, it's very tough to regain your shape," Pallavajhala said. "But it's

easy to prevent it."

Going easy on the alcohol can also make a big difference.

Daniel Hoffman, a co-author of the Rutgers study, said that the body metabolizes alcohol before either carbohydrates or fat. That means the body has less opportunity to burn off carbohydrates and fats from food.

The sheer number of calories in alcoholic drinks is enough to make most people gain weight, especially if they are consuming the same amount of food and non-alcoholic beverages. A single shot of 80-proof vodka contains 97 calories, and a typical light beer contains about 99, according to thecaloriecounter.com. Combine hard liquor with mixers (110 calories for an 8-ounce glass of orange juice) or down a few beers during a drinking game, and the calories add up quickly.

"A lot of students don't realize that the number of calories per gram in alcohol is closer to fat than to carbohydrates," Hoffman said. "If you look at binge drinking ... you're looking at a lot of calories."

Eating is only one side of the weight-gain equation. Working out can help burn off the occasional late-night pizza or homesickness-induced pint of ice cream.

Fisher recommended at least half an hour of cardiovascular exercise most days a week, and augmenting that with strength training a few times a week.

Relaxing a little isn't a bad idea, either. Researchers at the University of Chicago found that college students who slept for four hours a night produced more of a hormone called ghrelin, which causes feelings of hunger, and less of leptin, which makes people feel full, than peers who had been allowed to sleep for as much as 10 hours.

Though most freshmen will err on the side of eating too much and exercising too little, some students respond to stress by becoming too restrictive with their diets. Students who have experienced disordered eating patterns before college face the highest risk of developing serious eating disorders in college, Ehlert-Mercer said.

Students who find themselves thinking obsessively about food, purging after eating or exercising compulsively in order to lose weight should see a counselor or doctor.

Most college health centers either employ or can refer students to a nutritionist or psychologist to treat eating disorders.

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Students sound off about visitation hours at new dorms

RESIDENTIAL ADVISORS THINK MORE HOURS WOULD ADD RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE JOB

By Satin Scott
Staff Writer

Students residing in dorms have complaints about visitation rules. According to the Residential Life Handbook, visitation is a privilege for the students. However, some students believe it should be a right.

Kylee Sieber, a resident of Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas Residential Complex, said that the girls in her dorm complain that they pay \$3,000 to live in the dorms and still have to follow visitation rules.

The visitation hours are 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. everyday through a check-in process. Each

"It will put so much pressure on the RAs, RDs and Campus Safety. We have a life too."

— Jeremy Guillory
Residential Assistant

person wanting to check in has to have photo identification.

"A lot of the girls are upset because visitation is from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Most students get out of class at 2 p.m. and would like

visitation to at least start earlier. We are sitting around with nothing to do until then, and I may want to go to bed earlier," Sieber said.

The handbook mentions the purpose of visitation hours, which is "to ensure the comfort and security of all residents within the hall."

The Department of Residential Life and Housing believes that if guests are present too early and too often that the comfort, safety and security of the dorms could be compromised. However, some students disagree.

"They say the reason is safety reasons, but what is the point of having cameras in the dorms," said Lakeshia Tyler, a resident of Bateman Hall.

Another student from Bateman, Kelly

McMillian, said that the girls are discussing a petition for 24-hour visitation.

There are possible challenges implementing 24-hour visitation.

Currently there are residential assistants assigned to each dorm hall and a residential director.

One of the residential assistants, Jeremy Guillory, said that it would put more stress on them.

"I understand the students want to expand their visitation because they are paying for the dorms, but if the students want that, it will put so much pressure on the RAs [residential assistants], RDs [residential directors] and Campus Safety. We have a life too," Guillory said.

Apache Homecoming

Three honored with awards during Homecoming Dinner

By Sarah Malik
Staff Writer

The Tyler Junior College Alumni association gives three awards to outstanding alumni every year during homecoming week.

The awards honor graduates who have distinguished themselves in their professions, businesses or vocations.

Darren Kindred is a 1992 graduate of the TJC tennis tech program and received the Valuable Young Alumni award. According to Betty Briggs, director of alumni relations, this award honors a former student of integrity and stature for distinguished achievement in a profession, life and work.

"It is a surprising honor," Kindred said on receiving the award. "It is neat to receive this since I am a native of Tyler."

Kindred now is a director of tennis at Bucks County Racquet Club in Washington Crossing, Pa.

"What I enjoyed at TJC was the

community service I did and the fact it continued on after I had graduated," said Kindred.

The most prestigious award given by TJC alumni is the Distinguished Alumni Award. It recognizes a former student who has brought honor to the college by professional achievement and distinctive contributions to society, Briggs said.

The recipient this year Dr. Kenneth Ragsdale who graduated from TJC in 1939.

"I can't imagine any honor that I would cherish more than any honor from TJC," said Ragsdale. "I prize this award very, very highly because TJC marked a major turning point in my academic career."

Ragsdale went on to the University of Texas at Austin, received a number of degrees, and said he had many fond memories of TJC.

"In late September 1937, we were in English class my teacher Miss Bradenburg came in and asked who Mr. Ragsdale was because this paper was written wonderfully."



DARREN KINDRED

Ragsdale dedicated his 1998 book, "Big Bend Country: Land of the Unexpected" to Miss Bradenburg.

"Being in her class was a big turning point in my life... I was very moved by her," Ragsdale said.

Another award that the association gives away is the Apache Spirit Award. According to Briggs, it recognizes any person or group who has shown spirit and motivation



KENNETH RAGSDALE

through the contribution of time and energy to a program that measurably benefits TJC. This year's recipient is Nancy Lunceford, graduate of the class of 1955.

"I am extremely honored," said Lunceford.

She has been on the alumni board for over 14 years.

"I would like the membership to increase so that we are able to give away more scholarships to students,"



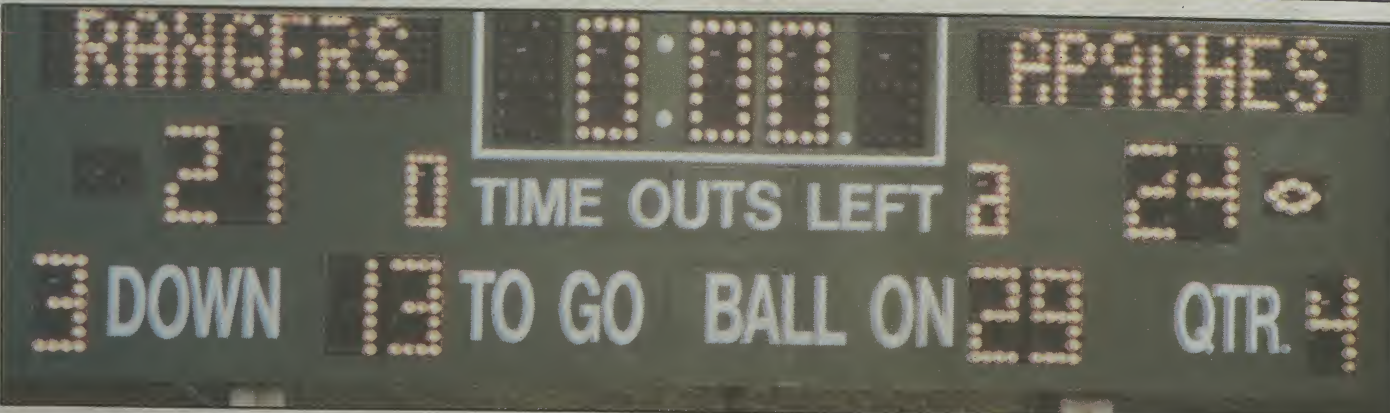
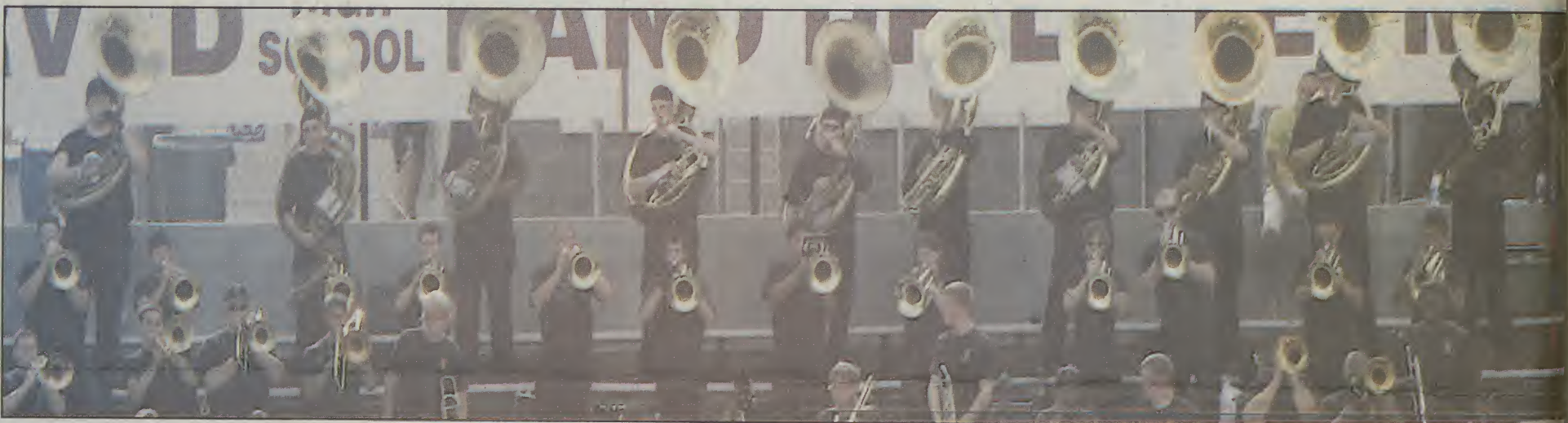
NANCY LUNCEFORD

said Lunceford.

"My favorite memory at TJC was meeting my husband David who was captain of the football team," said Lunceford. They have been married since 1955 and reside in Tyler.

All three of the alumni award recipients can agree that being honored is special and that TJC was wonderful time in their lives.

"I am deeply deeply indebted to TJC," said Ragsdale.



SHOWN ABOVE Homecoming Queen Emily Phillips and Homecoming King Matt Sneed pose for a picture during the ceremony at the game against Kilgore at Rose Stadium.

Photos by Maggie Sanders and Nicholas Brem



'57-'58 Football team reunites at Homecoming

By Michael George
Sports Editor

While the Tyler Junior College Apaches came back to win from an 11 point deficit to beat Kilgore College 24-21, there was another group of football players watching from the stands.

The 1957-'58 TJC Apache Football team came to show their support at Homecoming and also do some catching up with their old friends.

"This is something that one of the alumni members has been talking about for years now. They did this at their 25-year reunion, and now they decided to get back together so now this will be their 50-year reunion," said Alumni Director Betty Briggs.

This is something special that Tyler Junior College tries to do for all organization such as Apache Belles, football team, students, and etc.

"I'm sure that they have reunions off and on with groups over the years. I been the alumni director for 11 years so we have been doing this a little more frequently and usually an alumni or two will contact me and ask me to help them with the reunion to help find people," said Briggs.

The 1957-'58 football team thought that it was good idea to bring the team back together so they could have the opportunity to see their friends or make some news ones.

"This is the first time I been back in 50 years," said ex-running back Ned Jolly. "When I was here, we won one of two of our bowl games. We lost the one in the 58' season, but



we played a good game. I'm glad to see that my friend became good people and got good jobs to make something out them. I'm really happy for them."

Other alumni such as Jackie Cannon and Riley Burnett also enjoyed reuniting with their old buddies and coming back to TJC.

"This was the best two years of my life. It was a great experience being here at TJC and it gave us opportunities to get college degrees and move on to bigger universities," said Cannon. "All football times were great memories because we were all the same, a bunch of country boys and if you could survive you were good to go."

Briggs said former students look forward to these special reunions.

"This event was very special to these guys. They came from all over just to be here from the Dallas and Houston area and even one came from Washington. So they really enjoyed being back here at Tyler Junior College with their friends," said Briggs.



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THE 1957-'58 TJC APACHES FOOTBALL TEAM came back for their 50th reunion and to support the current players who went on to beat Kilgore college 24-21 during Homecoming on Oct. 11.



Photo by Michael George

WORKING TOWARD A STRONG SEASON Player Hagar Caro practicing with the Tyler Junior College women's tennis team.

TENNIS ANYONE?

Free Tennis Lessons

The Tennis Tech students and members of the TJC Club tennis team will be offering free tennis lessons for faculty, staff and their families. It is a drop-in clinic with no sign-up needed. Lessons may continue as weather permits through the fall semester.

When: 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 27

Where: JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center

Source: Kimm Ketelsen

Women's Tennis Team hopes to repeat 2004 championship season

By Luke Loggins
Staff Writer

The Apaches Women's Tennis Team won the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) National Championship in 2004. Four years later, the team is trying to get back on track, and some say they are close.

Last year the team finished second to Hillsborough Community College from Tampa, Fla. in the national championship.

"It was very upsetting to come in second," said Iris Rendon, who is returning as a sophomore. The team lost by only one point, 44 to 45 with their Region XIV conference rivals Lee Community College from Baytown, behind the Apaches.

This is a new year and a new team with its goals set high.

"This could be a national championship team," says Coach John Peterson. "Our strength is our depth."

The women's tennis team has 12 players on the roster, eight of them are incoming freshman. The team might sound young but there are also four returning sophomores. Returning as a sophomore is Sureena Weir, who was awarded All-American status last year. She is joined by sophomores Rendon, Kelly Rittenhouse and Vanessa Molina.

The sophomore girls have learned a lot since being freshman.

"More experience," said Rendon. "I know what to do in a match and don't get as intimidated."

Chemistry is very important in a sport like college tennis where players act as a team.

"All the girls work really hard and have good chemistry," said Peterson.

Only seven weeks into the semester this makes things a little easier.

"We all get along very well," said Weir.

The Apache women have grueling practice and workout sessions. Every day they are assigned a court with another player by Coach Peterson. They practice by doing drills and playing matches against one another for qualifying spots. Their workouts consist of cardio and weight training. They alternate days by doing cardio workouts one day and weight lifting the next, but every day they do core exercises.

"Our goal is obviously to win a national championship, but also to get better individually."

— Iris Rendon

Women's Tennis, returning sophomore

Recruiting for women's tennis is harder than men's tennis.

"Women are much harder to find," said Peterson. It makes it hard when there are so many colleges with women's tennis teams and in retrospect not as many girls. More competition, less product," said Peterson.

A couple of the girls were recruited by coaches that Peterson knew. Rendon's high school coach was coached by Peterson, and Weir's high school coach, that is also the coach at the University of North Texas, knew Coach Peterson through tennis.

"Our goal is obviously to win a national championship but also to get better individually," said Rendon.

Men's Basketball getting ready for classic

By Robyne Williams
Staff Writer

He started out playing for TJC Men's Basketball and ended up playing in the NBA.

Robert Pack grew up in New Orleans and attended Alfred Lawless High School. He later received a scholarship to Tyler Junior College and later transferring to University of Southern California.

Pack was drafted to Portland Trailblazers, and went on to play for the Denver Nuggets, Washington Wizards and then became one the greatest dunkers in the early 90's in the NBA.

"From what I heard he was a average player and he kept getting better and better," said Coach Marquis.

Now, several years later, he has a men's basketball tournament named after him at TJC called the Robert Pack Classic.

This tournament consists of other basketball teams against the Apache Men's Basketball Team.

The Fighting Men's Basketball team will battle others teams to see if they have what it takes to become the winner. They are playing teams such as North Lake College, Ranger College, SW College, and much more. The players are excited for season and ready to damage to other teams.

The Robert Pack Classic kicks off at Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Wagstaff Gym.



Photos by Michael George

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM is shown practicing to get ready for the Robert Pack Classic on Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Wagstaff Gym.



Photo by Jannequa Foster

THE NEW LOOK The Lady Apache Basketball Team prepares for a new season with a rebounding lesson from Coach Trenia Tillis-Jones

Women's basketball prepares for season with new team

By Jannequa Foster
Staff Writer

When changing schools, our Lady Apaches Basketball Team realizes that it is going to be a whole new ball game.

With practice and school responsibilities, the team takes time out occasionally to think about why they are really there, and where they came from.

Freshman point guard Katelyn Bernsen is from Hardin Jefferson High School in Beaumont.

"My big brother put me up to playing basketball. That is how I got started," Bernsen said.

She chose to come to TJC because she said that she wanted more competition.

Bernsen thinks that the biggest differences between high school and college basketball are the practices and competitions.

"Practices are a lot harder than they were in high school," Bernsen said.

Freshman Britney Joseph agrees with Bernsen, saying basketball on the collegiate level works and competes on a much faster pace than in high school.

Joseph is from Westside High School in Houston and started playing basketball in the fifth grade.

"I prayed about what school I wanted to go to and God put TJC on my heart. That is why I am here," sophomore Myah Autry said.

Autry is from Chicago, and she has only been playing basketball for four years.

Autry feels that the biggest difference from her last school and TJC is that there is a tougher conference.

"To be the best you have to compete with the best," Autry said.

After TJC, Autry hopes to attend a D-1 school, in the Big Eastern Conference, and someday move on to the Women's National Basketball Association.

The Lady Apaches are still getting ready for their first game on Oct.31.

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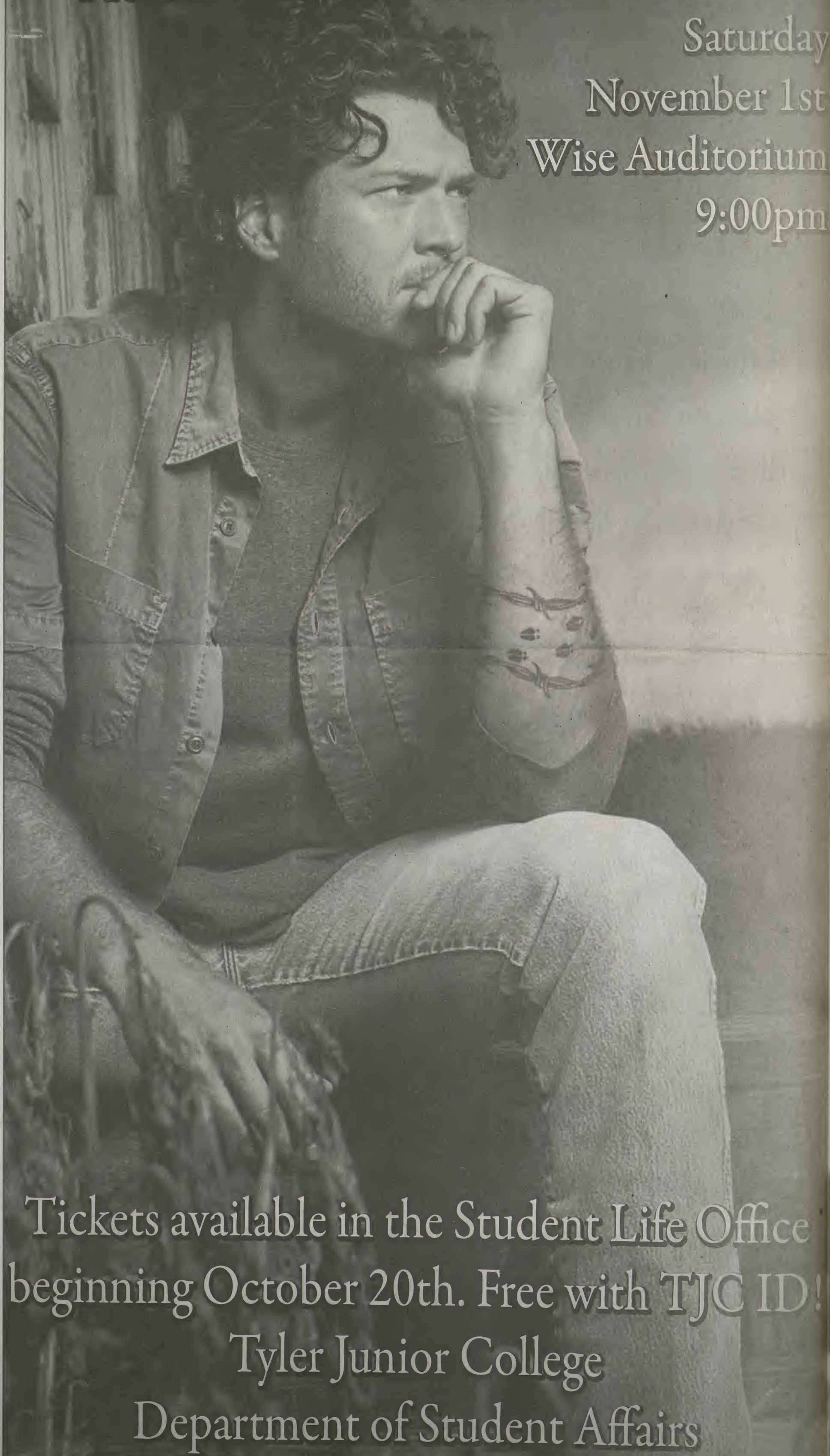
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the street, yet they are still monitored by Campus Safety.

"Essentially, we don't have free speech zones," said Dr. Austin Lane, the Vice President of Student Affairs at TJC. Students and off-campus groups can demonstrate as long as TJC can regulate the time, place and manner of the demonstration. Off-campus groups like the Gideons and Morrell's have to send an application at least 48 to 72 hours in advance, but doing so isn't a guarantee.

"We reserve the right to deny any request," Lane said. "We can also approve it if we think it's going to benefit the students."

Lane recalls that during the recent visit from the Gideons, one member was spotted on school property in the doorway of the Ornelas Physical Health Center and was told to vacate. Once he complied, he and the other members continued their work on city property undisturbed. Lane also said that because of the unobtrusive nature of the Gideons, they "don't go through the normal process because they stand in the streets."

Although there is a contrast between Gideons International and Open Air Outreach's methods, their intent to make the Bible available to students is the same. While Gideons appear to utilize a message of hope and Open Air Outreach appears to utilize one of fear, it is not for public school officials to decide which is more appropriate. If TJC is turning a blind eye to where the Gideons stand while removing Morrell's group, then they are favoring one method over another.

Furthermore, if TJC treats one Christian organization differently from another, what controversy will arise when non-Christian or non-religious groups wish to demonstrate on campus as well? If a militant group were to stand on sidewalks near TJC and peacefully pass out literature just as the Gideons do, will they also be ignored by campus officials?

While Gideons and Open Air Outreach both limit themselves to city property,

VOICING THEIR OPINIONS

A member of Gideons International passes out Bibles to Tyler Junior College students. The Gideons must apply for permission from TJC in order to demonstrate on campus.

Photo by Natalie Kushner



their close proximity to TJC and the fact that they are preaching to students cause some to argue that this is a clash between the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, since streets and sidewalks fall under the city's jurisdiction, the problem is not the separation of church and state, but that TJC officials lack the ability to regulate demonstrations near campus.

It is gray areas like these that eventually lead to lawsuits and unrest, and it is easy to see why many campuses refuse to have "free speech zones." However, it is important to have different organizations near college campuses to pro-

"We don't go anywhere we're not allowed. If we're not welcome, we're not welcome."

— James Norrell
Gideons Member, Canton

mote the free exchange of ideas. But it's equally important that if TJC officials have to monitor the groups they do so fairly.

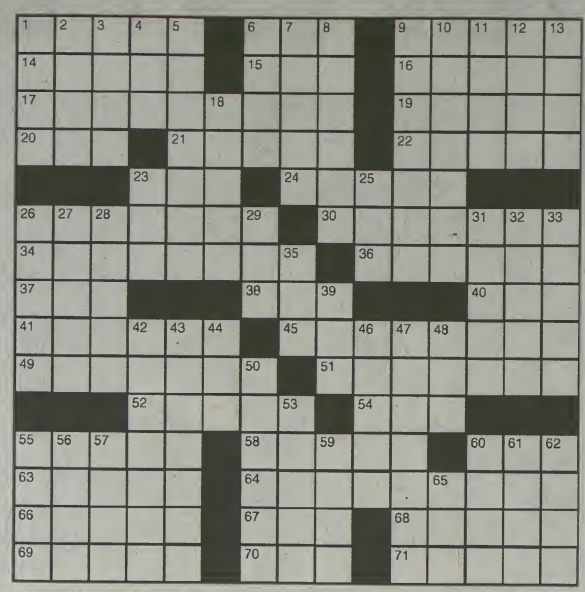
Every off-campus organization should go through the same application process to demonstrate on the campus. If TJC allows outside demonstrators on campus, officials should not have the right to deny any group because they don't believe the group's message is beneficial to students.

If a college campus is truly the beginning of adulthood, then life-altering decisions like religious belief or political principles should be made by students and not school officials. In an age where students are bombarded with messages constantly, aren't they mature enough to decide for themselves which religious group they want to listen to?

No one wants a battleground outside of their building, and TJC officials would save themselves some grief by clearly setting a standard that all organizations should be held to. The same rules should apply for all or none at all.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Old World songbirds
 - 6 Pose questions
 - 9 "Johnny Belinda" star
 - 14 Look forward to
 - 15 Definite article
 - 16 Lift up
 - 17 Meat eater
 - 19 Ford from Tennessee
 - 20 Needle's hole
 - 21 Tidy any loose ends
 - 22 Slammin' Sammy
 - 23 Ump's call
 - 24 Moisten a tom
 - 26 Big name in office supplies
 - 30 Most lofty
 - 34 Predatory insects
 - 36 Penn's partner
 - 37 Abdul Aziz — Saud
 - 38 Heel
 - 40 Medical pix
 - 41 L'chaim and prosit
 - 45 Lasting
 - 49 Perle Mesta, e.g.
 - 51 Western range
 - 52 Curses
 - 54 Shout
 - 55 Travel charges
 - 58 Wahine's welcome
 - 60 One of Ted's stations
 - 63 Catlike
 - 64 Uprising
 - 66 Open sore
 - 67 Bad grade
 - 68 Summer or Shalala
 - 69 Green years
 - 70 Pig pen
 - 71 Brew, as tea
- DOWN
- 1 Boot binding
 - 2 Absent from
 - 3 Not common
 - 4 Reunion folk
 - 5 Incentives
 - 6 Perched upon
 - 7 Decorative growth



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PARK

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As a result, TJC's project management group drew inspiration from Fantasy Landing to create something similar for children here. Although they want the vision of their park be their own, the concept of this park is the same - to allow children with disabilities to be among their peers.

That may not always happen even in Tyler's ADA accessible parks.

"All the playgrounds that we have are considered ADA accessible. Some of them are older standards that have been grandfathered (due to) the time that they were built," said John Webb, manager of Tyler Parks and Recreation Department. "The big thing on this type of park or this type of playground is not to design it for children that have mental or physical challenges - but to design it to include them."

Tyler's Mayor Barbara Bass said that the new sprayground in Faulkner Park meets the current standards for a handicap-accessible park.

"(Faulkner Park) has this playground for children that is basically flat and water actually comes up so you can roll out on it, if you wanted to," she said. "The newer ones have been built to the current standards, and then anything we can do to these older ones to add places for other citizens to be able to use that park better would be great."

Bass added that the city of Tyler has wanted a community-built park. However, she also stated that the city of Tyler had to cut expenses by \$4 million dollars this fiscal year, but was happy to say that Tyler has the land if the project management class has the vision.

The park is expected to be a two-year project and is planned to be funded through donations, grant writing, fundraisers and nonprofit organizations.

Don Blaine, the project management class instructor, has spoken with the engineering department at the University of Texas at Tyler to inquire about a drawing of how the park would look.

The park would feature hand rails, ramps, and wheelchair-safe surfaces. The class is considering equipment such as an over-sized see-saw, an easy swing bed, and safety surfaces. This park, however, is a proposal and is open to change.

The vision of the children with disabilities park is to be presented to the city of Tyler's Park Board on Oct. 27.

WESLEY

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quite worth the money as opposed to a four-year schools."

Edmonson disagreed with the move by the conference. He said this campus is a "two-year school, but it feels like a four-year school."

The Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church declined to comment on this matter pending a Nov. 1 meeting of their Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries.

Since the cut, the TJC Wesley Foundation's funding and director's salary have been supported solely in the form of donations from local Methodist churches in Tyler.

Edmonson said the program will stay at TJC with or without funding.

"When they cut funding, a lot of people thought it would be the end of this ministry. As of now we're sort of pushing the expectations," he said. "Ministry is incredibly cheap... [We] don't let the money confine us."

The TJC Wesley Foundation now has a little over half of its yearly budget raised through local churches and there is a campaign ongoing to get more churches involved.

Edmonson also wants the organization to get more involved on campus this semester and maybe get funding assistance from the college.

"This is the first year we've gone to student senate. We're looking to be more involved in that," Edmonson said. "I honestly think this is a way the Wesley Foundation can step in, maybe we can push some policies. I just think having a presence and giving to the community. Small things like that is what we're doing."

Edmonson said even though the foundation on campus does not have funding from the conference they will find a way to be on campus for the community.

"This ministry's been around for 60 years it has been a part of this community and they don't want it to stop," Edmonson said.

The foundation will also be hosting a Halloween party starting at 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

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Apache Belle Babes shine in the spotlight

By Travis Plaisance
Staff Writer



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BELLES IN TRAINING Top, Belle Babes perform at halftime during the Sept. 27 game. Bottom, Apache Belle Amanda Pierce and Belle Babe Taylor Plaisance take the field during the game against Navarro.

As the lights shined onto the field at halftime of the TJC-Navarro football game the Apache Belles and Belle Babes took center stage.

"It's the best feeling seeing the smiles on their faces," sophomore Belle Amanda Pierce said. "For a lot of them it's a dream come true and it feels great to be a part of that."

After the band finished their performance, the crowd cheered as bright and bubbly little girls, dressed in replica Belle uniforms, took the field with the world famous Apache Belles. These young ladies are known as the Apache Belle Babes. As the sound of the Jonas Brothers' song "S.O.S." played over the stadium speakers, the Babes sprung into action. They performed a routine that was choreographed by the Apache Belle officers. This was the conclusion of a long day of work and fun.

"I had my grand-girls here for the first time and they had a blast," said Belles Director Ruth Flynn. "It was too cool!"

Seventy-two young ladies, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years old, attended the Belle Babes workshop on Sept. 27. The workshop is a fundraiser held by the Apache Belles during each semester. During the fall semester, the Babes get to perform with the Belles at a home football game and during the spring they get to perform during a basketball game. Some of the girls love it so much they participate in more than one workshop.

"This is the third year [my daughter] is a babe" said Haley Hayes, mother of Babe Jenna Whitman, 8. "She loves it."

After registration, the girls are split into three groups based on age. Each age group is set up with their Belle leaders to learn their part of the routine.

"We had a great time," said Flynn. "The object of the whole day is to have fun as we fundraise!"

Even some of the current and past Belles were members of one or more of the Babes workshops while they were young girls.

"I was a Babe when I was 3 years old" said Natalie Vance, freshman Belle. "I had the funnest time!"

Vance said that she remembered looking up to the Belles and her favorite part was getting to take pictures with them. The babes show up before the game to get portraits taken on the field with a Belle. All the Babes look up to and admire their Belle moms.

"[The Babes] look up to you," said sophomore Belle Lisa Hall. "They watch you and copy everything you do."

Pop culture reflects workday blahs: Why 'The Office,' 'Dilbert' strike familiar chords with office workers

By Patrick S. Pemberton
McClatcy Newspapers

There's a reason why people buy red staplers, Dwight Schrute bobbleheads and stuffed Dilberts: It's because many Americans are disenchanted with their jobs, and those items - pop culture icons that symbolize the worst in office culture - affirm that others view the workplace with the same disregard.

"I think it helps people to know they are not alone in their frustrations," said Scott Adams, who created his "Dilbert" comic strip nearly two decades ago.

In a sense, then, pop culture has become therapeutic for the disheartened American worker. And while many books (think anything by Kafka) and movies ("Fight Club") have dealt with jobs that can suck the life out of their employees, three sources have stood out as the ultimate symbols for everything wrong about the office: "Dilbert" the movie "Office Space"; and the TV show "The Office," whose fifth season premiered Sept. 25.

"Dilbert," of course, started it all. In 1989, Adams debuted his strip about an engineer who deals daily with the frustrations of his workplace. It was a huge success, prompting readers to buy stuffed dolls, calendars and books.

"People like to see me mock the things they can't mock themselves without losing their job," Adams said in an e-mail interview. "I am sort of a surrogate voice for them."

"Office Space," a cult favorite from 1999, features a trio of software employees trying to fight back against impending layoffs and a numbing office environment.

As film critic Roger Ebert wrote, the movie is about work that crushes the spirit: "Office cubicles are cells, supervisors are the wardens, and modern management theory is skewed to employ as many managers and as few workers as possible."

That "The Office" started out as a Brit-

ish TV show suggests that the view of the office as a dysfunctional family is not merely an American perception. The U. S. version of this sitcom takes place in a Pennsylvania paper company, where workers confront the boss' boneheaded decisions, and the awkward scenarios they foster, on a daily basis.

With all that in mind, we decided to look at how the office is viewed by the Big Three - "Dilbert," "The Office" and "Office Space."

Dilbert calls his workplace The Land of Cubicles, where workers file into a maze of partitions. Artwork comes from low-cost Dogbert Corporate Art Source, which boasts the motto: "If it's in a frame, it will look like art to you."

In "Office Space," the gray and mostly windowless Initech building is also filled with cubicles. When consultants are brought in to recommend layoffs, a large banner is erected, asking workers: "Is This Good For the Company?"

While the cubicles in "Dilbert" and "Office Space" belong to lower-end workers, "The Office's" Michael Scott has a room with window blinds that allow him to hide from employees when he makes unpopular decisions.

In the Big Three, no one wants to be at the office.

In "The Office," Jim Halpert resists promotion, saying, "Because right now, this is a job. If I advance any higher, this would be my career. And if this were my career, I'd have to throw myself in front of a train."

In "Office Space," Peter Gibbons is even less positive. As he tells his therapist: "Ever since I started working, every single day of my life has been worse than the day before it. So that means that every single day that you see me, that's on the worst day of my life."

In "Dilbert," it's Dogbert who acts as the therapist, telling Dilbert, "You suffer from the dull ache of insignificance."

In short, the Big Three view managers as clueless schmucks who thrive on minutiae



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and couldn't make an important decision if their lives depended on it.

In "Office Space," Bill Lumbergh is a condescending boss who has no life outside the office. When faced with a difficult task - like firing an employee named Milton Waddams - he has someone else do it.

Michael Scott, meanwhile, is ignorant of the fact that none of his employees respect him. (He owns a "World's Best Boss" mug he bought for himself.) When asked how he views himself as a supervisor, he says, "I guess the atmosphere that I've tried to create here is that I'm a friend first and a boss second, and probably an entertainer third."

While Michael is quick to do things unrelated to work, he delegates serious duties - like announcing cuts in health care benefits - to others.

Dilbert's "pointy-headed boss," meanwhile, is a micro-manager who doesn't listen to employees. In one meeting, the boss announces, "That's the plan. Now I will listen to your irrational concerns" before putting head-

phones on.

In the Big Three, work functions are perceived as nonsensical, work for the sake of work and frustratingly bureaucratic. "Office Space" best illustrates this when Lumbergh and other bosses repeatedly remind Peter that he must include cover sheets on his TPS reports.

In "Dilbert," meetings are seen as a waste of time where confusing jargon makes presentations pointless. In one meeting, Dilbert says, "The next transparency is an incomprehensible jumble of complexity and undefined acronyms ... you might wonder why I'm going to show it to you since the only possible result is to lower your opinion of my communication skills."

In "The Office," employees often run personal errands for the boss or attend special meetings - about diversity, office safety or women in the workplace, for example - that are necessitated by something their boss Michael did.

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Students find forum for expression in Bell Tower Arts Journal

By Dennis Gonsoulin
Staff Writer

The Bell Tower Arts Journal, TJC's literary magazine, is currently seeking submissions from students interested in having their work published in the upcoming 2009 issue.

The Bell Tower was founded two years ago by faculty member D. Linda Gary with the help of then-dean Richard Menter.

"When I came to TJC in 2005, I was so impressed with the level of creativity and talent of the students here, and I felt that the school needed an arts journal where the students could have an outlet for creative expression," said Gary.

The magazine is entirely student-generated. All the work it contains is submitted by students as faculty are not allowed to submit work. The cover art is created by graphic design students as well, and is selected just like the inside content.

The work published is chosen by a committee composed of

an equal number of faculty members and students, and the process is a blind selection in which the creator of each submission is kept anonymous while making the selection. A goal when the choices are made is to keep the magazine balanced between literary and visual work. Last year there were 21 literary pieces and 21 visual.

"The selection is very hard because of the quality of the students work. 90% of what we receive is worthy of publication. We just don't have the space," said Gary.

The competition to become selected has grown even stiffer since the first issue. In the magazine's inaugural year, approximately 100 submissions were turned in. The following year that number more than doubled. The response from readers has been generally positive as well.

"The last issue of the Bell Tower was awesome. All the work in it was really high quality, and I think it's great that TJC students have a channel with which to express themselves," said

sophomore Libby Harmon.

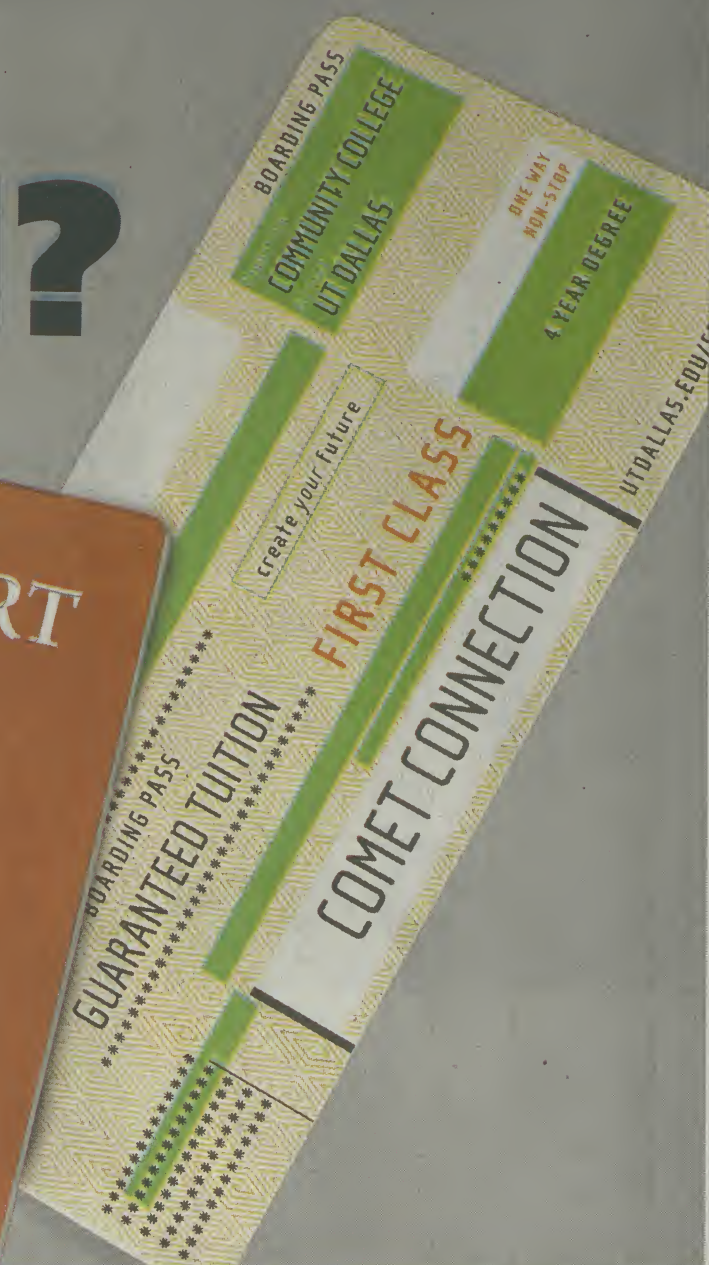
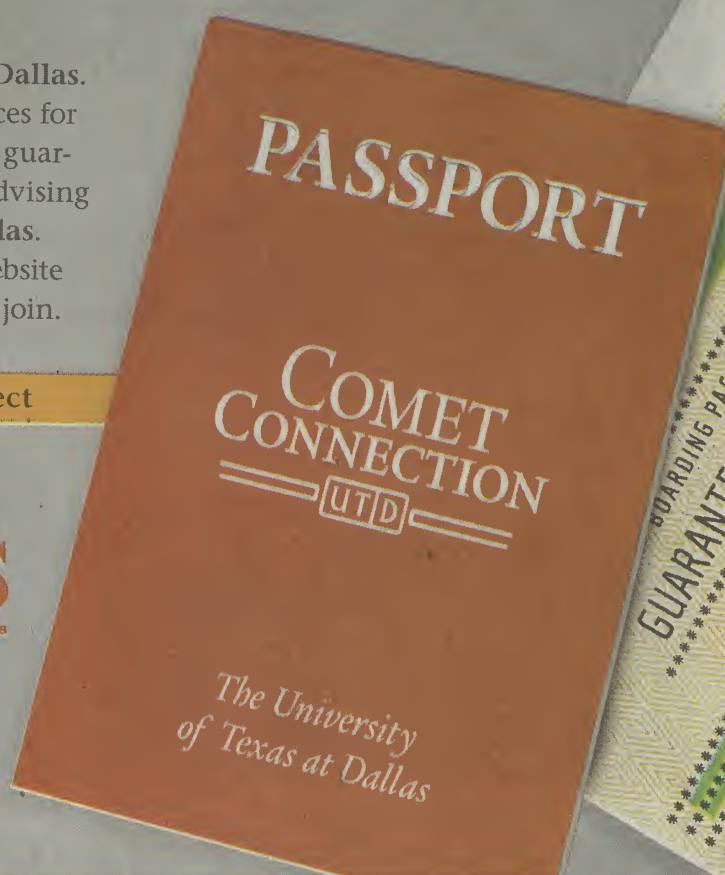
Although there is no limit to the number of submissions a student is allowed to make, the deadline to turn in work for the 2009 issue which is to be released the week before spring break is October 31. While work can be turned in at any time, many students are waiting for the "Storm the Bell Tower" event, planned by the Sigma Kappa Delta honor society, which sponsors the Bell Tower. On October 31 at 7 a.m., students ready to submit their work will gather in the courtyard by the bell tower at Jenkins Hall, where a proclamation will be read, before "storming" into the Jenkins conference room to turn in their submissions and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

For those who aren't the "storming" type, editorial guidelines and submission forms are available in the University Studies Office in Jenkins Hall or from Dr. Gary's office in J-164, and can be turned in any time before the deadline.

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State Fair approaches final week

By Shane Smith
Photo Editor

Whether it's the sweet scent of cotton candy or background music from performing artist often mixed with tunes from the neighboring amusement park rides, the State Fair of Texas hits visitors from the second they walk through the gates.

Since 1886, Dallas has hosted the Stated Fair of Texas and each year brings something different and new to Fair Park. Just east of downtown Dallas'

skyline stands a 212-foot sleeping wheel structure, surrounded by 277 acres of museums, a music hall along with a stadium. For 24 days out of every year, with the help of about 75 amusement rides, the park comes alive to form the State Fair of Texas.

This year marks its 124th to be exact. Each year provides guests with everything from amusement rides to museums, and just about every form of fried food under the sun.

"I had the fried avacodo and fried pickles," said Lauren

Elzner, a student at the University of Texas in Austin who visited the fair on Oct. 11. "The avacodo was all right, but the fried pickles are usually my favorite."

The fair is also known for housing the Cotton Bowl, which holds the Red River Rivalry football game every year between The University of Texas and University of Oklahoma. This year's game ended with a 10-point upset for Texas, who was originally picked to lose by 10.

"The game was a blast," said University of Oklahoma student

Nathan Oliverez prior to attending the game. "We lost, but the game itself was still awesome to be at."

Sunday, Oct. 19 will mark the official last day of the 2008 State Fair of Texas.

Closing the 2008 series of artists performing at the fair includes musicians Jessica Simpson, performing Friday, Oct. 17; Michelle Branch, performing Saturday, Oct. 18; and ends with A.B. Quintanilla and Kumbia King All Starz, performing Sunday, Oct. 19.



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Photos from the 2008 State Fair of Texas in Dallas Fair Park. (left) International Boulevard gateway. (middle) State Fair's "Texas Star", North America's tallest ferris wheel. (above) Big Tex waving to the 2008 crowd.



Student singers combine for nationwide performances

By Kenny Freeman
Staff Writer

Performances in places like France, England's millennium celebration, Dallas Cowboys half-time shows, Branson, Mo., Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, and military bases in Hawaii do not sound like run of the mill gigs for a choir, and they are not.

"Last year was my first year directing the group, and it was just off the chart. It was so unbelievably well received. We called them the dream team. This year we have the redeem team," Angela Smith, director of Harmony and Understanding said.

For nearly 40 years, Harmony

and Understanding has been an elite song and dance group at Tyler Junior College. With an organization that has been around for that long, the members have an understandable sense of pride.

"It is more than I expected, it was greater just that much better," Freshman, Peyton Neill said. "A lot more hard work than I expected, but it's all worth it. It's really been a lot of fun and I made a lot of good friends."

The students of Harmony and Understanding became very close, even giving each other nicknames.

Hopefuls start auditioning in March and go up until August. Over the course of that time, some 50 male and female students will audition for

a part. Only 10 to 14 will make it.

"Sometimes these kids have to wait months to see if they have even made the group," Smith said.

The whole process in becoming involved with Harmony and Understanding can start as early as high school.

Smith actually goes to the local high schools to see what they have and who is in the area. Along with those trips, she will either take a DVD of the group or take a few students for the younger kids to talk to and ask questions.

Smith is actually among the ranks of former members, which includes one student from the mid-to-late 90s, who was in "Pirates of the

Caribbean: At Worlds End." 3 last summer. Yet another is Donna Bull-ock who was in "Air Force One" with Harrison Ford and still does commercials pretty regularly.

Harmony and Understanding has already done one show at the East Texas State Fair and has another big show coming up on Nov. 21, which is the Harmony and Understanding POPS show they do with the jazz band.

"I do not like to book many performances between the fair and POPS, because we really are solidifying our show. The spring semester show will pretty much be put together by then, and then I kind of pick and choose the song for the event,"

Smith said.

In the spring semester, the wheels really start turning and the group can do up to and around 25 performances.

This year, the group will be doing a coast-to-coast theme. According to Smith, they will be starting out in California with some Beach Boys stuff, then travel to Chicago to do "And All That Jazz," then spend some time in Detroit with some Motown.

With a group that's already booking up to 2010, the statistics speak for themselves. The POPS concerts are on Nov. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Wise Auditorium.

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as keeping students' stomachs from growing in class. "Students enjoy coming to an environment where they know they'll be provided for. They come for good food, good fellowship and good fun," said Gayle Robinson, volunteer coordinator for the Wesley Center. "They feel at home here."

All students are invited to the free meals, not just those affiliated with the sponsoring churches. The crowds are smaller at the semester, average from 60 to 80, for variety.

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